

Evason Ma'in

Ma'in, Jordan

Some 260 metres below sea level, alone at the leafy base of a valley in a scorched Jordanian landscape, this place is good in the biblical sense of the word. It retains a certain Seventies aura, but is oh-so chic – the best property from Six Senses for some time, principally because it has immersed itself so sensitively in the local landscape and culture. Ask for the feast of whole lamb, which gets covered in clay and cooked in the ground for 10 hours – it's so tender you can pull it apart with your little fingers. There are incredible walks to the sea, where everyone bobs about in the salty brine, olive oil to be made in the gardens, camels to ride, Petra to explore and, best of all for little and big ones alike, sleeping in a proper Bedouin tent in the desert wonderland of Wadi Rum. The sun here is a tangerine popsicle melting into the cliffs and the domed jewel box of a spa is fantastic, with lots of Dead Sea therapies and steamy spring waters to drink. **Website** sixsenses.com. **UK reservations** Cleveland Collection (tel: 0845 450 5732). **Rates** Double, from £195, including breakfast.

